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**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9-26 were rejected under section 103 as being unpatentable over

Cleve et al. In view of Dimitrov. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-26 were rejected under section 103 as being

unpatentable over the combination of Singer et al., Urdea et al., and Horn et al.

In response, Applicant have amended independent claims 1 and 12 to recite, "wherein

the bar codes are proximately located to a signal enhancing surface comprising a salt selected from

the group consisting of LiF, NaF, KF, LiCl, NaCl, LiBr, NaBr, LiI, NaI, and KI, the location

sufficiently proximal to enhance the signal 2-100 fold." Support for this feature can be found in

paragraph [0122] of the specification. None of the applied references teach or suggest the invention

claimed in independent claims 1 and 12 or the claims that depend on these claims. Specifically,

none of the applied references teach or suggest the use of signal enhancing salts.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in

condition for allowance.

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